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under §61.17 or a student pilot certificate issued under paragraph (b) of this section, the holder of a paper pilot certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2010.

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## §61.21 Duration of a Category II and a Category III pilot authorization (for other than part 121 and part 135 use).

- (a) A Category II pilot authorization or a Category III pilot authorization expires at the end of the sixth calendar month after the month in which it was issued or renewed.
- (b) Upon passing a practical test for a Category II or Category III pilot authorization, the authorization may be renewed for each type of aircraft for which the authorization is held.
- (c) A Category II or Category III pilot authorization for a specific type aircraft for which an authorization is held will not be renewed beyond 12 calendar months from the month the practical test was accomplished in that type aircraft.
- (d) If the holder of a Category II or Category III pilot authorization passes the practical test for a renewal in the month before the authorization expires, the holder is considered to have passed it during the month the authorization expired.

## § 61.23 Medical certificates: Requirement and duration.

- (a) Operations requiring a medical certificate. Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, a person—
- (1) Must hold a first-class medical certificate:
- (i) When exercising the privileges of an airline transport pilot certificate; or
- (ii) If that person has reached his or her 60th birthday and serves as a pilot in 14 CFR part 121 operations. Notwithstanding the provisions of §61.23(d)(1)(iii), that person's first-class medical certificate expires, for 14 CFR part 121 operations, at the end of the last day of the 6th month after the

month of the date of examination shown on the medical certificate.

- (2) Must hold at least a second-class medical certificate when exercising the privileges of a commercial pilot certificate; or
- (3) Must hold at least a third-class medical certificate—
- (i) When exercising the privileges of a private pilot certificate;
- (ii) When exercising the privileges of a recreational pilot certificate;
- (iii) When exercising the privileges of a student pilot certificate;
- (iv) When exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate and acting as the pilot in command:
- (v) When exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate and serving as a required pilot flight crewmember;
- (vi) When taking a practical test in an aircraft for a recreational pilot, private pilot, commercial pilot, or airline transport pilot certificate, or for a flight instructor certificate; or
- (vii) When performing the duties as an Examiner in an aircraft when administering a practical test or proficiency check for an airman certificate, rating, or authorization.
- (b) Operations not requiring a medical certificate. A person is not required to hold a medical certificate—
- (1) When exercising the privileges of a student pilot certificate while seeking—
- (i) A sport pilot certificate with glider or balloon privileges; or
- (ii) A pilot certificate with a glider category rating or balloon class rating;
- (2) When exercising the privileges of a sport pilot certificate with privileges in a glider or balloon;
- (3) When exercising the privileges of a pilot certificate with a glider category rating or balloon class rating in a glider or a balloon, as appropriate;
- (4) When exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate with—
- (i) A sport pilot rating in a glider or balloon; or
- (ii) A glider category rating;
- (5) When exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate if the person is not acting as pilot in command or serving as a required pilot flight crewmember;